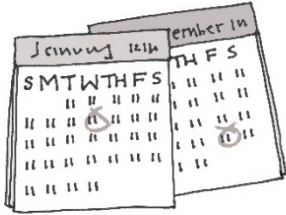
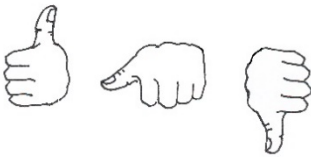




Inspection of HMP & YOI Chelmsford



Inspectors visited this prison in January and February 2024.



We wanted to find out if things were better, the same or worse for prisoners since we last visited in 2021.



We did this by:

- looking around the prison
- asking prisoners and staff to fill in a questionnaire
- speaking to prisoners
- speaking to staff and helpers
- reading documents.

What did we find?



Prisoners did not feel safe enough. Too many prisoners were harming themselves.

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



Prisoners did not get enough time out of their cells. Some prisoners were not treated fairly. The prison needed a lot of repairs.

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



Teaching for prisoners was not good enough. Prisoners did not get enough help with reading.

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.



Remand prisoners did not get enough help before they left the prison.

We gave the prison 2 out of 4 for this.

What should the prison do?



We want the governor to read our inspection report. You can find the report in the prison library.

We want the governor to make a plan. The plan should tell us how they will fix the problems at HMP & YOI Chemsford and make things better for prisoners.

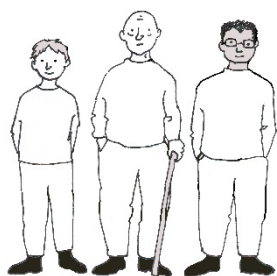
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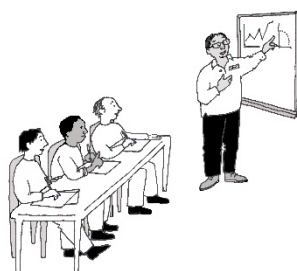
We want prisoners to get better mental health support. We want the prison to do more to stop prisoners harming themselves.



We want the prison to make sure prisoners get more care and support when they arrive at Chelmsford.



We want all prisoners to be treated fairly. We want prisoners who need extra care or equipment to get it.



We want teaching to be better. We want prisoners to get more help with their reading.



We want remanded prisoners to get more help, especially when they are getting ready to leave the prison.



We want officers to only use force when they have to. We want them to use force safely.



We want the segregation unit to be cleaner and warmer. We want staff on the unit to treat prisoners better.

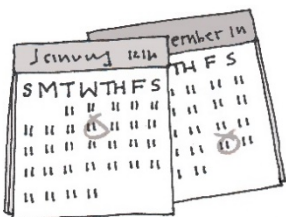


We want broken things in the prison to be fixed.



We want prisoners to get more time out of their cells.

What will we do?



We will come back in a few years to check how well the prison is doing. We will write a report to tell people what we find.



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